

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2014

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Joe Gourley
Commissioner David Nipper
Commissioner Steve Percy
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Pettus Read
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Doug Shafer, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Davidson Robert Arnold
Tharrel Kast Dan Goode
Bernard Salandy Virgil Gammon
Joe Russell Larry Farley
Michael Gregory Randy White
Tommy Thompson Lynn Duke
Jason Mathis John Frost

Randy Garrett, Egon Grissom, Jacoby O'Gwynn, Bill Sharp, Nancy Loyd, Lisa Marchisoni, Becky Shelton

Chairman Shafer presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gourley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Randy White presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Percy, to approve the Fire/Rescue report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tharrel Kast presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Read, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Percy moved, seconded by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Committee was provided the line item reports and stats for its use and information being advised utilities and food will be problems in the Spring. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Nipper moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Sheriff's Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Bill Sharp provided stats on the Criminal Investigations Division from 2010 to present. Jacoby O'Gwynn provided stats on the SRO program for each of the 44 schools. Major Goff presented stats on the Warrants Division from 2009. Egon Grissom presented stats on patrol including emergency committals. The Committee was advised the County does not have an alarm fee in place at this time. The Committee was provided information on the ratio of officers per capita and advised Bureau of Justice standards call for 158 officers for the unincorporated areas of the County. The County currently has 88 officers. Egon Grissom also reported stats on the Narcotics Unit from 2010. John Frost discussed the OIT Department. Tommy Thompson provided jail stats as well as discussion on the Transport Division and Courthouse Security. Mr. Thompson advised a prior CTAS study advised 194 staff were needed so the jail is understaffed per the report.

Tommy Thompson had been interviewed by Fox 17 TV on concerns with using styrofoam trays in the kitchen and he provided information on the cost of the styrofoam trays per inmate per day of .27¢ or an annual cost of \$87,600 based on a population of 880. The jail use of the trays was modeled after Oakland High School. Hard trays can be used as weapons and due to overcrowding some inmates eat out of sight of guards. There are only two officers monitoring 200 inmates so they are limited on a timely response as they have to wait for other officers to reach the area. The cost to switch to plastic trays would be \$133,221.36. Commissioner Gourley noted it would require bigger carts, a bigger dishwasher and more storage, utilities, etc. The Committee was advised 950 people can be fed in 30 minutes using the styrofoam trays. The nearest location to recycle food service styrofoam is Chicago. It was suggested the County may want to look at doing food service styrofoam recycling and let the inmates run the operation. Inmates are issued reusable plastic cups and small plastic sporks. The only things going in the trash are trays.

Previously the moisture was the main problem in the kitchen and during the renovation the kitchen was designed to avoid it. If

plastic trays were used the kitchen would have to be redesigned.

Chairman Shafer advised there is approximately ten years life left at Middlepoint. Mr. Thompson advised that is why he brought up recycling. Sheriff Arnold advised if the Commission wanted to direct it then they could go back to plastic trays. Biodegradable trays could be used but they are more expensive and could be as much as four times higher. Sheriff Arnold advised recyclables are used to fund the garden and they recycle as much as possible at the jail.

Sheriff Arnold advised the Rutherford County jail has been a model for other facilities. They bake their own bread on site at .30¢ per loaf using inmate labor. MTSU uses the jail kitchen as a classroom and helps when the vegetables come in from the garden.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shafer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

DOUG SHAFER, Chairman